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SUBJECT: MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR INDONESIA

REF: A) JAKARTA 8855; B) STATE 170348; C) STATE 161472.

1. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, TEAM THAT GENERAL MURDANI INTENDS
SEND TO WASHINGTON WILL WANT TO DISCUSS PROCUREMENT OF
MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM LIST SUPPLIED BY GENERAL PANGGABEAN
LAST FEBRUARY. TEAM WILL PRESUMABLY BE SEEKING PRICE DATA,
INFORMATION ON CONDITION, TIMETABLES FOR DELIVERY AND
SIMILAR CONCRETE DATA.

2. WE EXPECT THAT TEAM WILL ALSO BE INTERESTED IN DISCUS-
SING MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM VIETNAM THAT WAS MENTIONED AT
CAMP DAVID (REF C). UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
ACCOMMODATE THEM AS EARLY AS ENVISAGED BY MURDANI. QUESTION
OF APPORTIONING EQUIPMENT RECOVERED FROM VIETNAM IS STILL
AWAITING HIGH LEVEL DECISIONS AND RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN
PROBLEMS. WHILE INDONESIANS WILL BE GETTING THOSE SPECIFIC

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ITEMS THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED IN REF B (AND MAY BE OFFERED

SOME ADDITIONAL ITEMS AS WELL), WE ARE NOT YET IN POSITION TO MOVE AHEAD WITH IT. ALTHOUGH DECISIONS ARE EXPECTED SHORTLY, WE CANNOT FORETELL JUST WHEN THEY WILL BE FINALIZED NOR WHAT FOLLOW-UP STEPS MAY BE NECESSARY BEFORE WE WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS EQUIPMENT WITH INDONESIANS AND ANSWER ALL THEIR QUESTIONS.

3. INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR RUSMIN CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB JULY 21 TO INQUIRE, INTER ALIA, ABOUT SENDING MILITARY TEAM TO WASHINGTON. HABIB TOLD HIM THAT WE WILL BE EXPECTING TEAM IN WASHINGTON AND THAT AMBASSADOR NEWSOM WILL BE DISCUSSING IT WITH GOI IN JAKARTA BEFOREHAND TO DETERMINE HOW WE CAN BEST BE PREPARED FOR TEAM'S VISIT.

4. SUGGEST YOU TELL GENERAL MURDANI THAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING INDONESIAN MILITARY TEAM IN WASHINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS BOTH MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM LIST PRESENTED BY GENERAL PANGGABEAN LAST FEBRUARY AND THAT EQUIPMENT RECOVERED FROM VIETNAM WHICH WAS MENTIONED AT CAMP DAVID. WE ARE STILL IN PROCESS OF SORTING OUT THE VIETNAM EQUIPMENT, HOWEVER, AND WE DO NOT WANT TO DISAPPOINT INDONESIAN TEAM BY INVITING IT TO WASHINGTON BEFORE WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL DETAILS OF THIS EQUIPMENT. THEREFORE WE SUGGEST THAT INDONESIAN TEAM NOT SET SPECIFIC TIME FOR WASHINGTON VISIT UNTIL WE PASS WORD THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR THEM. KISSINGER

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